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**To:** Reed, Dawn  
**Subject:** Carbon dioxide

Dear Congressman Visclosky,

Today I read the following.

**WASHINGTON -** Having received White House backing, the Environmental Protection Agency declared Friday that carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gases are a significant threat to human health and thus will be listed as pollutants under the Clean Air Act — a policy the Bush administration rejected.

I ask why is a naturally occurring compound that is essential to all life on this planet now considered a pollutant? Have we as a nation lost our sanity? Carbon dioxide is required for all leafy plants to grow. Without carbon dioxide there are no plants to make oxygen for us to breathe or food for us to eat.

As you know, I am totally in favor of good stewardship of resources and conservation of energy. However, to designate a naturally occurring compound essential for our life is very poor policy. The unintended consequences of this decision will haunt us for years to come.

I urge you to ask that the EPA drop carbon dioxide from its list of pollutants.

Sincerely,

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